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1. RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 20 THAT

GERMANS WILL ATTEMPT AT SEPT 26 NAC SESSION TO ENRICH CANADIAN DRAFT DECLARATION (REF A) WITH ELEMENTS OF EARLIER FRG DRAFT (REF B). IN PARTICULAR, IN COMMENTING ON CANADIAN DRAFT, NATO PERM REP PROBABLY WILL SUGGEST STRENGTHENING OF U.S. TROOP COMMITMENT AND ENLARGING ON PURPOSES OF AND IMPORTANCE FOR ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN UNION. BOTH FONOFF REP, AND IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION BRITISH EMBASSY EUROPEAN EXPERT, HAVE EMPHASIZED TO US THEIR GOVERNMENTS' CONCERN THAT U.S. TROOP COMMITMENT LANGUAGE IN DRAFT DECLARATION CIRCULATED TO ALLIES IN WASHINGTON WAS NOT AS STRONG AS PRIOR AMERICAN STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. FONOFF REP SAID FONOFF IS NOT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC CONCERNING FORMAT OF CANADIAN DRAFT--I.E., STABLE ELEMENTS/CHANGING ELEMENTS--BUT ASSUMES THAT CANADIAN DRAFT WILL BE USED AS BASIS FOR NATO DISCUSSION GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF CANADIAN ROLE IN ATLANTIC DIALOGUE. OUR SOURCE SAID FRG CONSIDERED CANADIAN AND BRITISH DRAFTS (REF C) TO BE RATHER SIMILAR IN PURPOSE; AMONG OTHER THINGS, BOTH SOUGHT TO ATTRACT FRENCH SUPPORT BY INDIRECT REFERENCES TO BURDEN SHARING AND MBFR. OUR SOURCE SAID JOBERT APPARENTLY HAD INDICATED TO BRIMELOW THAT BRITISH DRAFT IN PRESENT FORM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRENCH, BUT PARIS WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE VIEW OF MORE DIRECT REFERENCES TO BURDEN SHARING OR MBFR. POINTING TO FRG DRAFT AT NATO, FONOFF REP SAID BONN WOULD PREFER MORE DIRECT LANGUAGE ON THESE TWO TOPICS AND CONSIDERED BRITISH LANGUAGE MARGINALLY BETTER THAN CANADIAN FORMULATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, BONN IS NOT NOW INCLINED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PRESSING FOR STRONGER FORMULATION ON BURDEN SHARING AND MBFR IN THE NAC.

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